



NW Federal Employees Association

To: All Federal Employees and Contractors
From: Jamey Winchester, Associates Membership Chairperson
Date: February 10, 2009
Re: Associates Membership Drive for 2009

I would like to invite you to join the Northwest Federal Employees Association, better known as the "Associates." The 2009 membership year is from February 1, 2009 to January 31, 2010. The annual dues are still only \$5!

You can join the Associates at any time by sending \$5 with your name and organization code to one of the Governors on the attached list. Retirees can send \$5 and the "2009 Membership Renewal Form for Retirees" to The Associates, Attn: RETIREE'S MEMBERSHIP - B155, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, OR 97208.

Membership entitles you to reduced prices for products and services at our book fairs, candy sales, and when you buy an Entertainment Book. The Associates also has wheelchairs and medical equipment you can borrow, a Notary Public to sign documents, and a paperback lending library at the BPA Dittmer Building and in the basement of the BPA Headquarters 905 Building.

The Associates Foundation awards at least \$5,000 per year in academic scholarships to members' children. Members are also entitled to apply for special grants (in case of a personal catastrophe). Members may elect to have a Caring & Sharing presentation for in the event of a death, illness, or injury and when a child's birth/adoption occurs.

The Associates is also involved in sponsoring blood drives, canned food drives, the foster children's holiday gift program, and many other charitable functions. Associates members can also join various sports teams, such as golf, bowling, and softball.

Special events, such as the Children's Holiday Party and the Summer Picnic, are held each year. Both are sponsored by the Associates for its members. We also organize Holiday Bazaars, Book Fairs, and various other fund raisers. We are able to offer discount programs for group events such as Blazer games, ballets, plays, concerts, and ice skating shows. All money raised goes towards the Associates Scholarship fund, the Caring & Sharing Program, and various grants that may arise during the year.

The Associates includes not only BPA employees (including contractors), but employees from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management. Our organization has been going strong for over 70 years and continues to be a very important part of being a Federal employee.